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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

**In re U.S. Patent Application of**

**NEUSS *et al.***

**Serial Number: 09/806,758**

**Filed : August 20, 2002**

**For: RADIALLY EXPANDABLE VESSEL SUPPORT**

**Attorney Docket No. THIE.0009**

**Art Unit 3738**

**Examiner**

**Stewart, Alvin J.**

**Honorable Assistant Commissioner  
for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231**

**COVER LETTER**

Sir:

[x] The fee for submission of claims is calculated as shown below:

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Total Claims	21	21	1 (Over 20)	x \$50	0
Independent Claims	1	1	-XX (Over 3)	x \$200	0
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM(S)				+ \$360	0
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In addition, the below-identified communications are submitted in the above-captioned application or proceeding:

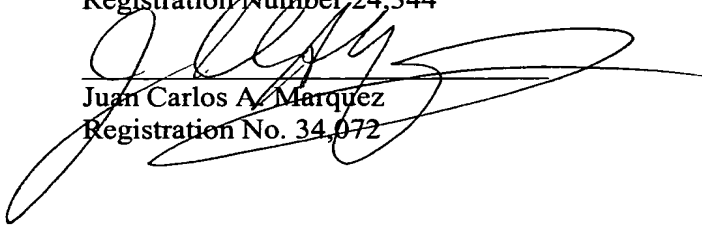
[ x ] Response to Office Action  
(with Claim Amendments)  
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[ ] Preliminary Amendment  
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**RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116**

**Sir:**

This is in response to the Office Action mailed on September 8, 2004, the period of response to which is set to expire on December 8, 2004. Please amend the above-referenced application as follows: